AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image sensing apparatus comprising:

image sensing means for image-sensing an object and outputting an image signal; signal processing means for converting the image signal outputted from said image sensing means into digital image data;

transmission/reception means for transmitting/receiving data with an information processing apparatus connected to said image sensing apparatus via a cable or wireless communication; and signal generation means for generating a trigger signal to perform an image-sensing ~~related~~ operation,

wherein ~~if~~ said image sensing apparatus ~~and said information processing apparatus are connected to each other and said~~ determines, in accordance with a trigger signal, if said information processing apparatus is in a suspended status and, if so, said image sensing apparatus transmits a resume signal ~~via said transmission/reception means~~ to said information processing apparatus~~, in accordance with said trigger signal~~.

2. (Original) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising recording means for recording said digital image data.

3. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising a switch having at least a first contact to start an image-sensing preparation operation and a second contact to start said image sensing operation and digital image-data formation and recording, wherein when said first contact is turned on, said image sensing apparatus transmits said resume signal to said information processing apparatus.

4. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising a switch having at least a first contact to start an image-sensing preparation operation and a second contact to start an image sensing operation and digital image-data formation and recording, wherein when said second contact is turned on, said image sensing apparatus transmits ~~said~~ a resume signal to said information processing.

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5. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising a switch having at least a first contact to start an image-sensing preparation operation and a second contact to start an image sensing operation and digital image-data formation and recording, wherein when said second contact has been turned on and said image sensing operation and said digital image-data formation and recording have been completed, said image sensing apparatus transmits ~~said~~ a resume signal to said information processing apparatus.

6. (Original) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said signal generation means is a particular switch provided in said sensing apparatus.

7. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising display means for performing predetermined display, wherein when ~~if said image sensing apparatus and said information processing apparatus are connected to each other~~ and said information processing apparatus is in the suspended status, said display means displays information indicating that said information processing apparatus is in the suspended status.

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8. (Original) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said transmission/reception means is based on the USB (Universal Serial Bus) specification.

9. (Currently Amended) A control method for an image sensing apparatus ~~comprising:~~ including image sensing means for image-sensing an object and outputting an image signal; signal processing means for converting the image signal outputted from said image sensing means into digital image data; transmission/reception means for transmitting/receiving data with an information processing apparatus connected to said image sensing apparatus via a cable or wireless

communication; and signal generation means for generating a trigger signal to perform an image-sensing related operation, said control method comprising the steps of:

~~said method comprising a step of, if said image sensing apparatus and said information processing apparatus are connected to each other and~~

determining, in accordance with a trigger signal, if said information processing apparatus is in a suspended status~~,~~ and, if so,

transmitting a resume signal ~~from said image sensing apparatus via said transmission/reception means~~ to said information processing apparatus~~, in accordance with said trigger signal~~.

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10. (Currently Amended) A storage medium ~~containing a~~ storing control program codes for controlling an image sensing apparatus ~~comprising:~~ including image sensing means for image-sensing an object and outputting an image signal; signal processing means for converting the image signal outputted from said image sensing means into digital image data; transmission/reception means for transmitting/receiving data with an information processing apparatus connected to said image sensing apparatus via a cable or wireless communication; and signal generation means for generating a trigger signal to perform image-sensing related ~~operation~~ operations, said storage medium comprising program codes for:

~~said control program having code for, if said image sensing apparatus and said information processing apparatus are connected to each other and~~

determining, in accordance with a trigger signal, if said information processing apparatus is in a suspended status~~,~~ and, if so,

transmitting a resume signal ~~from said image sensing apparatus via said transmission/reception means~~ to said information processing apparatus~~, in accordance with said trigger signal~~.

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11. (Currently Amended) An image sensing method in an image sensing apparatus ~~comprising:~~ including image sensing means for image-sensing an object and outputting an image signal; signal processing means for converting the image signal outputted from said image sensing means into digital image data; transmission/reception means for transmitting/receiving data with an information processing apparatus connected to said image sensing apparatus via a cable or wireless communication; and signal generation means for generating a trigger signal to perform an image-sensing related operation, said image sensing method comprising the steps of:

~~said method comprising a step of, if said image sensing apparatus and said information processing apparatus are connected to each other and~~

determining if said information processing apparatus is in a suspended status, and

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transmitting, in accordance with information determined in the determining step, a resume signal ~~from said image sensing apparatus via said transmission/reception means~~ to ~~said~~ the information processing apparatus~~, in accordance with said trigger signal~~.

12. (Currently Amended) A control apparatus for controlling an image sensing apparatus comprising: image sensing means for image-sensing an object and outputting an image signal; signal processing means for converting the image signal outputted from said image sensing means into digital image data; transmission/reception means for transmitting/receiving data with an information processing apparatus connected via a cable or wireless communication; and signal generation means for generating a trigger signal to perform an image-sensing related operation,

wherein ~~if~~ said image sensing apparatus ~~and said information processing apparatus are connected to each other and said~~ determines, in accordance with a trigger signal, if said information processing apparatus is in a suspended status and, if so, said control apparatus controls said image sensing apparatus to transmit a resume signal ~~via said transmission/reception means~~ to said information processing apparatus~~, in accordance with said trigger signal~~.

Please add new Claim 13 as follows:

13. (New) A storage medium storing program codes for an image sensing apparatus including image sensing means for image-sensing an object and outputting an image signal; signal processing means for converting the image signal outputted from said image sensing means into digital image data; transmission/reception means for transmitting/receiving data with an information processing apparatus connected to said image sensing apparatus via a cable or wireless communication; and signal generation means for generating a trigger signal to perform an image-sensing related operation, comprising:

program codes for determining if the information processing apparatus is in a suspended status, and,

program codes for transmitting, in accordance with information determined by said program codes for determining, a resume signal to the information processing apparatus.